

5 *Facts I wish I'd Been Told* at the Beginning!

1. **You're not going to ruin your kids or wreck their lives!**

- This is insecurity talking, and the only way to deal with insecurity is to blast it away with the truth!

Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ[a] who strengthens me!"

You don't have what it takes to do this - but He does!

- Just show up everyday and do your best. This is a great example for your children; it shows them that they, too, are going to need Jesus to serve Jesus.

Notes:

2. **Keep it Simple, Sweetie!**

- Pack light!

- Your homeschool is not going to look just like anyone else's homeschool. You are unique, your children are unique, and your home is unique.

- DO NOT fall into the comparison/judgement trap.

Notes:

3. **Don't use today's strength to worry about tomorrow!**

Worry is not just useless, it is counterproductive - it is the opposite of faith.

Philippians 4:6-7 New Living Translation (NLT)

Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

- Each day comes with the strength, mercy, and grace specifically designed for that day - it's our job to gather and use the manna for that day.

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4. **You are in charge of planting seeds, NOT making them grow.**

- Be diligent in planting seeds. This is your job, and it MATTERS!

Remember, when you plant seeds, you do so with the HOPE and faith that they will grow! God sees where those seeds are planted.

- God is in charge of the miracle of life - He makes seeds grow.

- Parenting and teaching are about trusting God to do His part.

"The duty is mine; the results are God's." John Quincy Adams

Notes:

5. Homeschooling never saved anyone's soul.

- There is one Savior, and His name isn't homeschooling.

- Your work with your children is important, but it cannot replace the personal work JESUS has to do in each of our lives - and this includes our children!

- It's easy for us to carry a lot of weight that isn't ours to carry - we cannot save our children; only the cross of Jesus can bring salvation.

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Dear fellow homeschool momma,

I know that the hours can get a little long, the nerves a little frayed, and the patience a little short. It's comforting to know that God's Word is alive and active and able to comfort and guide. I want to share a few verses with you that have helped me throughout my years of homeschooling.

Psalm 62:5-8 (NLT) "Let all that I am wait quietly before God for my hope is in Him. He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress where I will not be shaken. My victory and honor come from God alone. He is my refuge, a rock where no enemy can reach me. O my people, trust in Him at all times. Pour out your heart to Him, for God is our refuge."

2 Corinthians 10:5 (NIV) "We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ."

James 1:5 (NLT) "If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and He will give it to you. He will not criticize you for asking."

Please remember, you need Jesus to serve Jesus.